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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/691,629	Applicant(s) JENSEN ET AL.	
	Examiner Michael N. Opsasnick	Art Unit 2655	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on received on 8/22/05.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-7,9-14 and 16-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-7,9-14 and 16-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission received on 8/22/05 has been entered.

Specification

2. The attempt to incorporate subject matter into this application by reference to 09/512,963 is improper because the incorporation by reference statement must be filed at the time of filing of the later-filed application and that second-level incorporation by reference is prohibited by MPEP 608.01 (p). Although the inclusion of an incorporation by reference statement in the later filed application will permit applicant to include subject matter from the prior application into the later filed application without the subject matter being considered as new matter, an incorporation by reference statement added after an application's filing date is not effective because no new matter can be added to an application after its filing date (see 35 U.S.C. 132(a)). The amendment must be accompanied by an affidavit or declaration executed by the applicant, or a practitioner representing the applicant, stating that the amendatory material consists of the

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same material incorporated by reference in the referencing application. In re Hawkins, 486 F.2d 569, 179 USPQ 157 (CCPA 1973); In re Hawkins, 486 F.2d 579, 179 USPQ 163 (CCPA 1973); In re Hawkins, 486 F.2d 577, 179 USPQ 167 (CCPA 1973). Reliance on a commonly assigned copending application by a different inventor may ordinarily be made for the purpose of completing the disclosure. See In re Fried, 329 F.2d 323, 141 USPQ 27 (CCPA 1964), and General Electric Co. v. Brenner, 407 F.2d 1258, 159 USPQ 335 (D.C. Cir. 1968). Since a disclosure must be complete as of the filing date, subsequent publications or subsequently filed applications cannot be relied on to establish a constructive reduction to practice or an enabling disclosure as of the filing date. White Consol. Indus., Inc. v. Vega Servo-Control, Inc., 713 F.2d 788, 218 USPQ 961 (Fed. Cir. 1983); In re Scarbrough, 500 F.2d 560, 182 USPQ 298 (CCPA 1974); In re Glass, 492 F.2d 1228, 181 USPQ 31 (CCPA 1974).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

4. Claims 1,3-7,9-14,16-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The newly proposed amended claim language has no support in the

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specification. Applicant has attempted to provide support for this claim language by referring to application number 09/512963 (and related applications to 09/512963). As noted above in the commentary regarding incorporation by reference, the support for the claim language by referring to 09/512963 is not permissible because subsequent publications or subsequently filed applications cannot be relied on to establish a constructive reduction to practice or an enabling disclosure as of the filing date. *White Consol. Indus., Inc. v. Vega Servo-Control, Inc.*, 713 F.2d 788, 218 USPQ 961 (Fed. Cir. 1983); *In re Scarbrough*, 500 F.2d 560, 182 USPQ 298 (CCPA 1974); *In re Glass*, 492 F.2d 1228, 181 USPQ 31 (CCPA 1974).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

6. Claims 1,3-7,9-14,16,17,19-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Gillis (6523026).

As per claims 1,7,13, Gillis (6523026) teaches a computer implemented method of constructing a single vector representing an abstract pertaining to the semantic content of a document (col. 1 lines 10-22; as a semantic representation -- fig. 4) comprising:

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“storing a semantic content.....system” as storing the semantic document (col. 40 lines 52-62)

“constructing state vectors....semantic content” as constructing term vectors (col. 41 lines 15-25)

“superpositioning.....vector” as adding the vectors into one (col. 41 lines 22-26)

“storing.....document” as storing the abstract representations (abstract)

As per claims 3,9,16, Gillis (6523026) teaches vector addition/summations (col. 41 lines 23-26)

As per claims 4,10,17, Gillis (6523026) teaches vector weighting (col. 41 lines 38-41)

As per claims 5,11, Gillis (6523026) teaches normalization (col. 41 lines 23-26)

As per claims 6,12, Gillis (6523026) teaches storing the document in the corpus (col. 36 lines 12-15); word extraction (as searching based on terms—col. 35 lines 60-65); constructing state vectors (as constructing the vector and updating -- col. 36 lines 17-22); and filtering the state vector(col. 36 lines 50-65)

As per claim 14, Gillis (6523026) teaches calculating a threshold distance as part of the vector, measuring a distance to a second semantic abstract and comparing to the

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first semantic abstract, and retrieving the second document (Fig. 1D, wherein term vector and document vectors are measure for vector similarity (subblock 18), then used with query vectors (15), to retrieve the relevant text and documents (19, 20).

As per claims 19-21 Gillis (6523026) teaches construction of minimal vectors representing an abstract pertaining to the semantic content of a document (col. 1 lines 10-22; as a semantic representation -- fig. 4) (both for computer implementation and software – fig. 1a, subblock 6; and fig 1 as the apparatus) comprising:

“storing a semantic content.....system” as storing the semantic document (col. 40 lines 52-62)

“constructing state vectors....semantic content” as constructing term vectors (col. 41 lines 15-25)

“locating clumps of state vectors.....space” as clusters d(S) and d(T) in fig. 3a

“superpositioning.....vector” as adding the vectors into one (col. 41 lines 22-26)

“collecting the single vectors.....clump” as reducing the domain to a minimum required number of sets (col. 58 lines 50-65).

“storing.....document” as storing the abstract representations (abstract).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

7. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

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(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

8. Claims 2,8,15,18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gillis (6523026) in view of Komissarchik et al (5799276).

As per claims 2,8,15, and 18, Gillis (6523026) does not explicitly teach the use of the identification of lexeme phrase, vectors, and representation in the semantic content for further filtering and storage of such information, (Gillis (6523026) teaches semantics, as noted above, but is silent on lexeme information); however, Komissarchik et al (5799276) teaches ascribing additional grammatical information as part of the features, especially lexeme information (col. 38 lines 41-50). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art of dictionary building to modify the teachings of Gillis (6523026) with adding lexical information as one of the vector feature to track for comparisons because it would advantageously provide additional weighting to words/phrases that appeared more often in the dictionary, and therefore aiding in the recognition process (Komissarchik et al (5799276), col. 38 lines 53-55).

Response to Arguments

9. Applicant's arguments received on 8/22/05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Examiner notes that the 25 US 112 1st rejection is still appropriate, since the issue of

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priority and incorporation by reference has not been resolved. Examiner also notes that the applicant can still amend the specification of the instant application (and avoid the subject of new matter) to include language from the '726 specification that supports the current claim language. As per applicant's remark that the '726 application has been amended to provide support the subject matter (such amendment dated 7/25/05), examiner notes that the particular amendment discussed is not in the '726 application.


Conclusion

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Opsasnick, telephone number (571)272-7623, who is available Tuesday-Thursday, 9am-4pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Wayne Young, can be reached at (571)272-7582. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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